

How to get involved in the HSCB!

- ◆ Attend a Monthly HSCB Meeting
- ◆ Join a workgroup

Where do you want to make a difference?

- Transportation
- Foster care, Adoption, Kinship Services
- Substance Abuse
- Homelessness
- Healthy Youth
- Mental Health Awareness
- Hunger
- Individuals with Disabilities
- Older Adults
- Young Children
- Community Data

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Livingston HSCB

HUMAN SERVICES COLLABORATIVE BODY

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

SPRING 2020

What's New in Livingston?

**HSCB has a new Chair—
Anita Gibson from Work Skills Corporation**

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world: indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."

-Margaret Mead

We are excited to share our 2020 Spring Newsletter, full of collaboration, reflection, intention setting, gratefulness, and joy as well as fascinating programs and exciting projects. The outcomes are clear: collaboration effectively solves complex problems resulting in a committed community that join forces to

produce a sustainable positive impact. We hope you enjoy reading our newsletter as we celebrate all we have accomplished together, and what we look forward to in the coming months.

Contact us if you wish to know more about how we can assist, or how you can get involved in, driving successful collaborative partnerships.

The theme for year was set at the Annual Meeting:

Synchronizing Lights!

Ask anyone who attended the event what this means!



-Anita Gibson

Collaboration Works! Part 1



HANDLE WITH CARE: MICHIGAN INITIATIVE
PROTECT • HEAL • THRIVE

Handle with Care

Handle with Care (HWC) is an effort to ensure traumatized children still have the ability to learn.

Due to community collaboration between the Department of Health and Human Services, Community Mental Health, Law Enforcement and Schools, Handle with Care successfully rolled out in Livingston County on January 1, 2020.

There has been a total of 12 HWC referrals received since the inception of HWC. Let's continue working hard to ensure the safety of children in Livingston County.

-Jennifer Tate

Department of Health and Human Services

Collaboration Works! Part 2

Michigan Works! Southeast

has had many successful outcomes this year and we couldn't do that without county collaboration! Recently, a former engineer at one of the Big Three, earning over six figures, Katherine, was unexpectedly laid off.

After months of being out of work, she applied for assistance with DHHS which then brought her to Michigan Works! Southeast. Through the help of her Career Advisor, she completed Project Management Training and is now happily employed, earning the same annual income as before. This story shows how interagency collaboration makes all the difference for people to be able to succeed!

-Dawn Awrey

Michigan Works! Southeast

2020 Community Connect by the Numbers

- 574 Participants
- 309 volunteers
- 250 exhibitors
- 40% were first time attendees
- 19% were seniors 60+
- 8 people received a Hep A Vaccine
- 7 People received a Flu Shot
- 10 People received Legal Consultation
- 70 haircuts
- 132 Health screenings
- 288 Exams (vision/dental/ear)

Items distributed:

- 213 food packs
- 1,000 lunches served
- Clothing for 424
- Coats for 258
- Socks for 291
- Personal Bags for 600
- Laundry soap for 360
- Diapers for 48
- Blankets for 20
- Pet Food for 144
- 31 Child ID Kits/ Fingerprinting

Another successful year—Thank you!

You are invited to join the MAPP Team!



Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnerships (MAPP) is a community-driven strategic planning process for improving community health. The goal of the MAPP Team is to facilitate a community health improvement process that assesses the current health status of our community and leads to the development and implementation of a community health improvement plan. This plan will provide a shared vision and direction for all Livingston County entities to move towards.

Improved health is the responsibility of the entire community and must involve diverse partners. Your participation on the MAPP Team will be key to the success of the project and its relevance to our community. We hope to incorporate your knowledge and experience into this important process. No single entity or

agency can make a community healthy- so much more can be accomplished by working together with a common goal to improve health.

Please consider joining us in working towards improved health for all in Livingston County! Our kick-off visioning meeting will be February 24, 2020 from 1:00- 3:00 p.m. at the Livingston County EMS Complex.

Meeting dates: February 24, March 30, April 27, May 18, June 22, July 20, August 24, September 28, 2020. Contact Natasha Radke at nradke@livgov.com for more information.

Workgroup Update

Foster, Adoption, Kinship Services (FAKS)

Livingston County continues to be in desperate need of compassionate and supportive foster families.

Foster homes are needed for all ages. There is a great need for homes for sibling groups, teens, and children with special needs.

If you have space in your heart and home and have ever thought about sharing your family with a child in need, please call 1-855-MICHKIDS (642-4543) today for more information.

CORE COMPETENCY 2020 TRAINING SERIES

~~March 18: Leadership Training-FULL~~

April 24: Youth Suicide Prevention Training

Free CEUs — Must RSVP

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CoreComp2020>

You can also reach out locally to the Livingston Foster, Adoptive, and Kinship Services (FAKS) Workgroup at Livingston.FAKS@gmail.com for more information.

Upcoming FAKS Events:

March 14 8:30am-3:00pm All Day Training – Venture Church, Howell
 March 14 9:30am-12:pm HUGS Respite Care Program
 March 19 9:30am-10am Faith in Fostering Meeting
 March 19 10am – 11:30am FAKS Meeting
 March 20-21 10am-6pm Empowered to Connect – Brighton Assembly of God
 March 27- 29 Community Resource Fair – Howell HS
 April 11 9:30am-12pm HUGS Respite Care Program

Census 2020

According to <https://www.livgov.com/census2020>:

The 2020 Census directly impacts how much federal funding the State of Michigan will receive over the next decade. Failure to obtain a complete and accurate census count may lead to Michigan losing millions of dollars in federal funding that supports programs that benefit Livingston County residents.

- ◆ Every year, the federal government allocates more than \$675 Billion in funding based on census data.
- ◆ Every Michigander not counted costs the state approximately \$18,250 over 10 years (based on historical U.S. Census undercount).
- ◆ Census data is used to plan new homes and businesses and improve neighborhoods.
- ◆ Census data is used to determine federal funding for programs such as Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program for Women, Infants and Children (SNAP/

WIC), Medicaid, Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) and highway and transportation projects.

The 2020 Census FAQ states:

- ◆ Your responses are used to distribute over \$675 billion each year to communities for clinics, schools, roads, and more
- ◆ Census data is used to distribute federal funding for programs like: Medicare Part B, special education, and supplemental nutrition assistance
- ◆ Businesses use census data to decide where to build factories, offices, and stores, which helps create new jobs for our community
- ◆ Local governments, like Livingston County, use census data to plan for public safety services and emergency preparedness

Please share the importance of the 2020 Census!



Stories of Hope

A senior within Livingston County was a client of AAA 1B Community Living Program (CLP). It was time to have his chart updated so I went to his home. As we were talking, the client asked me if there was anything we could do to help him get a hot water heater. He had been without hot water for approximately 3 years. The client lived across from a lake so he would bathe in the lake until the water froze and then he would heat water on the stove to sponge bathe in the winter months.

As I talked with the gentleman further, it was discovered he was a Vietnam Veteran, he suffered multiple strokes, and had heart disease. He has also utilized the VA for transportation and medical needs. Because of the generous donations made to our senior fund, I was able to purchase a hot water heater, have the heater delivered and installed for the client.

Also, through the fund, we were able to purchase him a much needed mattress. When we delivered his

Christmas Blessing Box this year, he was SO extremely thankful for everything we had done for him, he had to show the volunteer drivers the new hot water heater and share how he, his dog, and his cat loved the mattress. He was actually crying when he said the very first thing he did after the installation of the hot water heater was take a hot shower and stand in the shower for a half hour just letting the hot water hit his body.

Through our help, the client was also able to be connected with Habitat for Humanity to receive a new roof that was desperately needed as well.

I am forever reminded how the little things we take for granted can mean the world to others!

-Beth Newman,
Livingston County
Catholic Charities



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Ensuring a system of support for members of our community.

What is the Purpose of the Livingston County HSCB?

The Livingston HSCB started in 1989 and was officially recognized as the county Multi-Purpose Collaborative Body by the state and county Board of Commissioners in 1995. Now, referred to as a Community Collaborative by the state, the HSCB is comprised of 26 appointed members who work together to coordinate health and human services across systems.

The HSCB also:

- Develops strategies and programs to meet current and future needs
- Fiscally manages state-funded collaborative initiatives
- Monitors the effectiveness and efficiency of collaborative projects

The HSCB does this work through established committees and workgroups which have specific goals and objectives to complete. The HSCB and most workgroups meet monthly and consist of representatives from public and non-profit organizations, business, and interested residents of the county. To learn about the work of the HSCB, contact Amy Johnston at ajohnston@cmhliv.org.

Upcoming Spring Events



Livingston County Catholic Charities—Salute to the Stars

Saturday, March 14 at 6:30pm at Crystal Gardens

For more information, contact Julie at 517-545-5944 or get tickets at www.livingstoncatholiccharities.org.

Caregiver Fair hosted by the Livingston County Consortium on Aging will be on Saturday, April 18th, 9:00am-1:00pm at the Brighton High School

Diabetes Management Workshop at Hartland Senior Center

April 17, 2020. There is no cost to attend, but donations are appreciated to help offset To register, call (833) 262-2200 or email wellnessprograms@aaa1b.org

16th Annual Livingston Regional Job Fair

April 16 from 3:30-6:30 at Crystal Gardens in Howell. For more information, contact MI Works! Southeast at 517-546-7450.

“All Minds Matter” 5k Walk/Run

Saturday, May 2, Race starts at 10 am at Genesis House, 200 W. Grand River, Fowlerville
For more information, contact 517.223.1394—Laura, Mike or Richard

April Is National Child Abuse Prevention and Sexual Assault Awareness Month

For more information about how to get involved or attend these events, contact Nicole at ncreech@lacasacenter.org.

2020 Livingston County Community Mental Health Town Hall

May 12, from 5:30—7:30 at LESA

For more information contact Leslie Hall at lhall@cmhliv.org.

Online resources and more info:
<https://www.livgov.com/hscb>



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